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COMMISSIONER COPPS ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGES

Commissioner Michael J. Copps announced today that his Senior Policy Advisor, Jennifer Schneider, will depart the Commission. Commissioner Copps stated:

"We will miss the valuable contributions that our friend Jennifer Schneider made to our daily lives. She brought creative ideas, excellent judgment, wonderful energy and an awesome personality to everything she did here—and she did a lot. Her regulatory and legislative experience benefited my efforts and those of the entire Commission. She should be immensely proud of her public service. Perhaps one day public service will be fortunate enough to get her back. In the meantime, we wish Jennifer and Mark all good things on the road ahead."

Commissioner Copps also announced that Margaret McCarthy will be joining his staff as Policy Advisor for Broadband, Wireline and Universal Service, beginning October 12, 2010. Margaret has most recently been serving as Legislative Assistant to U.S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND), counseling the Senator on a range of communications and media issues. Prior to joining Senator Dorgan's staff, Margaret served as a Telecommunications Policy Analyst for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) at the U.S. Department of Commerce, where she helped implement the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. She also previously served on the staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. Commissioner Copps noted:

"I am delighted to have someone of Margaret's intelligence, commitment and enthusiasm as my advisor on wireline and broadband policy. Margaret comes to us from Senator Byron Dorgan's staff, where she devoted much of her time to the communications issues that Senator Dorgan and I both care so deeply about. We look forward to her input on the many critical issues facing the Commission as we move ahead to bring the benefits of modern communications to all our citizens."